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Subject: Conference Call Request 10:30 2/16/2010 - Superior Gathering Oil Spill (Falcon Refining Superfund site)
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The oil spill response is going well. I expect that early next week the RP will have removed all of the free-standing oil from the fresh water pond. Once the free-standing oil has been removed from the fresh water pond, containment areas, and oil stored in tanks 13 and 15 is transferred to barges, the emergency phase of the response will be near completion. The Texas Railroad Commission (TRRC) has committed to completing the oversight for the soil remediation of the oil spill. I this will begin early next week. The spill has impacted nearly all of the tank containment within the facility, a wetland, and a fresh water pond (all of which are located within the property boundaries of the Superfund site). The current plan is to dig up all visible oil-contaminated soil. Soil that is excavated will be stockpile and then sampled. In addition, to the normal suite of constituents that they would normally require RPs to complete they have agreed to include additional constituents that EPA believes may be present. Once analytical is complete they will ensure that the RP correctly profiles the waste (with EPA assistance if necessary) and selects an appropriate disposal facility (with EPA assistance if necessary) presumably one permitted to accept the waste. Including constituents beyond the normal TRRC suite is new to the TRRC as is potential of requiring the RP to send it to a TCEQ regulated disposal facility. I believe that it is in EPA's best interest to ensure that the TRRC requires the RP to analyze for the appropriate constituents, profile the waste correctly, and send the waste to a correctly permitted disposal facility so that we are not questions later on how the waste was handled. I can certainly oversee this process but I am willing to give up as well. Gary/Philip let me know your preference. I have set up a conference call (**call in#** (b) (5), **code#** (b) (5)) for Tuesday morning at 10:30AM to discuss sample parameters as well as any other issues. I have attached a copy of a site map showing areas impacted by the oil. Please let me know if I can provide additional information to you before the call. You can also find additional info on the website: www.epaossc.org/FM2725OilSpill

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